

In the Claims:

1. **(original):** A pigment composition comprising

- (a) 60 to 90% of an organic pigment,
- (b) 1 to 10% of a hyperdispersant,
- (c) 1 to 10% of a synergist additive,
- (d) 1 to 10% of a solvent, and
- (e) 0 to 40% of rosin or a modified rosin.

2. **(currently amended):** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic pigment (a) is a disazo pigment, ~~preferably a diarylide pigment,~~ a metal complex pigment, or a naphthol pigment.

3. **(original):** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the hyperdispersant (b) is a reaction product of a poly(lower alkylene)-imine with a polyester having a free carboxylic acid group, in which there are at least two polyester chains attached to each poly(lower alkylene)-imine.

4. **(original):** The pigment composition according to claim 3, wherein the hyperdispersant (b) is a reaction product of polyethyleneimine of a molecular weight range of 500 to 100'000 with a polyester derived from a hydroxycarboxylic acid of the formula HO-X-COOH, wherein X is a divalent saturated or unsaturated aliphatic radical containing at least 8 carbon atoms, and in which there are at least 4 carbon atoms between the carboxylic and the hydroxy groups.

5. **(original):** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the synergistic additive (c) is an asymmetric disazo compound comprising a central divalent group, free from ionic substituents, linked through azo groups to two monovalent end groups, the first being free from any ionic groups and the second being a single substituted ammonium salt group.

6. **(original):** The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the solvent (d) is an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon distillate fraction of boiling points of the range of 100 to 350°C or a vegetable oil.

7. **(original):** The pigment composition according to claim 6, wherein the vegetable oil is a triglyceride in which the fatty acid moieties have a chain length of 12 to 24 carbon atoms.

8. **(currently amended)**: The pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein the modified rosin (e) is a rosin (acid) metal resinate, a rosin ester, ~~such as a maleinized rosin,~~ a pentaerythritol rosin and a rosin-modified phenolic resin, a vegetable oil based rosin ester, a hydrogenated rosin, a disproportionated rosin, or a dimerised, polymerised or part-polymerised rosin, or mixtures thereof.

9. **(currently amended)**: An oil-based printing ink for lithographic printing containing as colourant a pigment composition according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1. ~~to 8.~~

10. **(original)**: The printing ink according to claim 9 containing as colourant 5 to 50% of the pigment composition, and optionally further customary additives.

11. **(currently amended)**: A process for preparing the printing ink according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 9 ~~and 10~~ which comprises dispersing the pigment composition into a lithographic printing ink system.

12. **(new)**: A process for preparing the printing ink according to claim 10 which comprises dispersing the pigment composition into a lithographic printing ink system.

13. **(new)**: The pigment composition according to claim 2, wherein the disazo pigment is a diarylide pigment.